

Special Use Permit Application - Research

ALASKA MARITIME NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Submit a letter with the following information. Please allow at least six weeks for processing a requested permit.

- a) Who will the Special Use Permit be issued to? Need name, address and phone number(s).
- b) Type(s) of activities: For biological research, attach a copy of your study proposal (in the format shown in Section 4) if it has not already been forwarded to the Alaska Maritime NWR. Send attention: Vernon Byrd or Susan Schulmeister. If you are requesting permission to collect specimens, please attach copies of any applicable federal or state collecting permits.
- c) Area of use: Submit a map or describe location of activities. Note: *If the area of use is designated wilderness, please see guidelines following permit questions.*
- d) Time of year: Clearly state the time of year the activity will be done and for how long (dates in the field). If several areas are involved, please indicate when you will be in each area.
- e) Will anyone be staying on refuge lands over night and if so, what type of housing facilities will be used?
- f) Will aircraft or boats be used? If yes, provide identifying information for plane and boat; type, color, registration numbers, and name of boat.
- g) Will fuel caches be needed?
- h) How many people are involved in the activity? What are their names, addresses and their role in the activity?
- i) If you are camping on the refuge during your research, please describe your safety plan, including equipment available, and names and contact information for people you will be checking in with you while you are in the field.

2. Additional documents required:

If proposed use of Refuge lands occurs on Native selected lands, the applicant is required to obtain signed statements from the appropriate Native Corporations documenting their views, prior to the Special Use Permit being issued. On State selected lands, permission must be obtained for any activities that involve construction of permanent facilities, or the removal of

minerals or materials. If you do not know whether your use area will include selected lands, please contact the refuge well in advance (at least six weeks) prior to beginning activity so the appropriate contacts can be made.

Be as detailed in your description of the activity as possible, so a determination can be made by this office on what type of activity you are proposing to do, the extent of the activity and persons involved, what equipment the activity will require, and how the activity will affect the natural resources managed by this office.

3. Wilderness guidelines:

Consider whether the proposed activities are appropriate in designated wilderness areas. Activities such as use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or mechanical transport may require a Minimum Requirement/Minimum Tool evaluation. The refuge manager will make the final determination of allowed uses based on this evaluation.

Minimum Requirement: To determine if an action is necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the area to meet the intent of the Wilderness Act.

Minimum Tool: The minimum action or instrument necessary to successfully, safely, and economically accomplish wilderness management objectives.

Motorized Equipment: Motorized equipment may be used in special circumstances if it is the minimum tool necessary to accomplish a task safely and without long term impairment of the area's wilderness character, however it would not be used in the routine administration of wilderness. *Subject to refuge manager approval.*

4. Study Proposal Format for Biological Studies:

Station: Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge

Title:

Principal Investigator(s):

Management Implications/Justification:

Objectives:

Project timeframe:

Brief description of project: